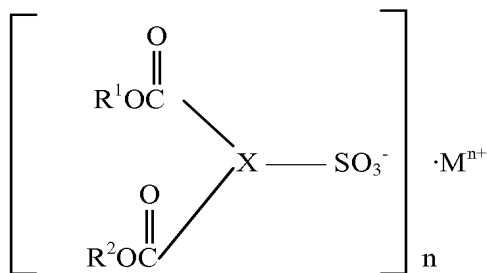


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An aliphatic polyester resin composition for molding, said aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below in a mixed condition:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom, strontium atom and calcium atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom; said aliphatic polyester resin composition containing 0.01-5 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 wherein M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom and barium atom.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 having crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 5 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 3 having crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

Claim 7 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 4 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

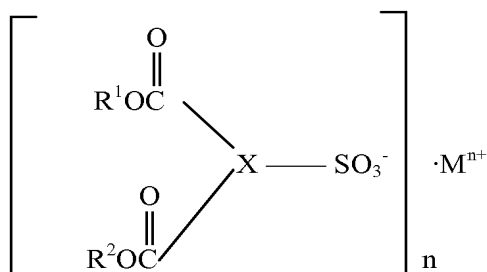
Claim 8 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 5 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin has 60 molar % or more of structural units formed of aliphatic compounds having two or more ester-bond forming functional groups in the molecule.

Claim 9 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 6 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 7 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 11 (original): The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 8 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin is selected from the group consisting of polylactic acid resins, polylactic acid based resins and mixtures thereof.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A molded article of aliphatic polyester resin obtained by melt-molding an aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is alkali metal atom or alkali earth metal atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 12 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition contains 0.0001-20 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 wherein M is one or more selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom, strontium atom and calcium atom.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition has crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 13 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

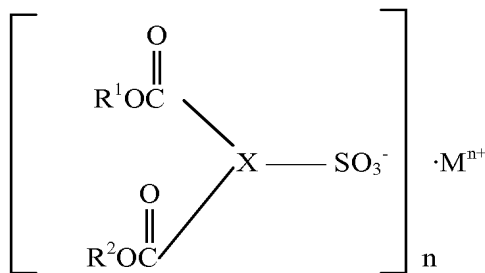
Claim 17 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 14 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by

differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The molded article of claim 15 with absolute crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 30% or over and relative crystallinity by differential scanning calorimetry 80% or over.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): A method of producing a molded article of aliphatic polyester resin, said method comprising the steps of:

melting an aliphatic polyester resin composition comprising aliphatic polyester resin and one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 given below:



each as nucleating agent for crystallization; where X is a residual group obtained by removing three hydrogen atoms from benzene, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are each hydrocarbon group with 1-6 carbon atoms, M is alkali metal atom or alkali earth metal atom, and n is 1 if M is alkali metal atom and 2 if M is alkali earth metal atom;

filling a mold at a temperature equal to or lower than the crystallization-initiating point by differential scanning calorimetry and equal to or above the glass transition temperature with the melted aliphatic polyester resin composition; and

obtaining said molded article while crystallizing the melted aliphatic polyester resin composition filling said mold.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The method of claim 19 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition contains 0.0001-20 weight parts of said one or more metal salts of aromatic sulfonate shown by Formula 1 for 100 weight parts.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The method of claim 20 wherein M is one or more

selected from the group consisting of potassium atom, rubidium atom, barium atom, strontium atom and calcium atom.

Claim 22 (withdrawn):        The method of claim 20 wherein said aliphatic polyester resin composition has crystallization peak temperature by differential scanning calorimetry of 100-150°C and heat of crystallization of 20J/g or greater.

Claim 23 (new):        The aliphatic polyester resin composition of claim 1 which results in no mold release deformation when used for molding.